

**Press Release 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2015**

### **Templesprings - Building Confidence Through Music**

Templesprings<sup>i</sup> music center organised a festive fun and celebrations day on Saturday the 12th of December at their new premises<sup>ii</sup>. In attendance was the Mayor of Thurrock Cllr Sue Gray and Mayor's consort Tony Lane. The lineup included a music mini concert where the young people showcased their talents and what they have been learning this term at Templesprings; the Kids choir led by JB Rose<sup>iii</sup>, other supporting acts and Santa's grotto for the family.



The Mayor presented certificates to Young Music mentors who were recognised for hours of volunteering – David Nyamu one of the music mentors said "since I've been at Templesprings I have grown in confidence and it's like family here",

The keynote Speaker Lisa Chuma<sup>iv</sup> an entrepreneur from Switzerland who is a coaching client and friend to founders spoke about the impact of coaching in her life – "People are not people without other people"

The Mayor gave a heartfelt message of encouragement and support for the work Templesprings is doing in the community:

*"I was born in a council flat in South Ockendon and I'm still living in a flat in South Ockendon and am I'm mayor of Thurrock. I went into this young man's school – David-Elijah Johnson and he showed me round his school<sup>v</sup> as he's the head boy. And about 2 weeks later, I get this fantastic email from him asking me to come here. Well I never knew this existed, I'm ashamed to say I've lived in South Ockendon for 60 odd years and I didn't know Templesprings existed, my apologies.*

*What we've seen this afternoon has blown me away, all of this young people with such talent, you're brilliant Thank you so much parents for coming to support this people, it's like a great big family and I've never ever experienced this in the past 8 months of being the mayor- such a feeling of love. As I visit the schools, I will tell every head teacher about Templesprings as they need to know about you"*

The founders Derin and Bidemi Johnson thanked the parents for the opportunity given to help shape their children's musical journey and impact their lives positively.



Templesprings Music Center

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The event was used to raise money for Templesprings annual 'Hamper Pamper' Christmas initiative - so far £229 has been raised<sup>vi</sup>. In partnership with the One Community Development Trust, we deliver Christmas hampers and gifts to families who are on the breadline and struggling to make ends meet.

The young people from Templesprings will also be performing at the Lakeside Shopping Centre Christmas Carol Event on Saturday the 19th December 2015 between 6pm – 8pm.

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<sup>i</sup> Templesprings is a registered UK Charity and a Community Interest Company based in Grays, Essex. We specialise in the area of Music Coaching, Lifestyle Coaching and Mentoring services. For more information –please contact Bidemi Johnson ([bidemi@templestrings.com](mailto:bidemi@templestrings.com), 07950 493676 [www.templestrings.com](http://www.templestrings.com))

<sup>ii</sup> Templesprings moved into a larger new premises - 4 George Street, Grays, Essex, RM17 6LY formerly the old post office/old learning shop on Monday 14th September 2015

<sup>iii</sup> JB Rose is founder of Chafford's Voice choir

<sup>iv</sup> Lisa Chuma – founder Women's Expo Switzerland <http://womenexpo.ch/old-pages/about-lisa/>

<sup>v</sup> David-Elijah Johnson goes to Bulphan C of E Primary School and he is the current head boy of the school. <http://www.bulphanprimary.thurrock.sch.uk/>

<sup>vi</sup> There is an opportunity to still donate and support the cause at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/displayCharityCampaignPage.action?campaignId=1877&charityId=1002208>